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**Esdras (Ezra) was
very skillful in the
law of the Lord. He
did not omit
anything concerning
the law, ordinances,**

**commandments,
judgments, and
statues of God.**

**Why is that
significant?**



**If you believed you
had to know every
letter of the English
alphabet or your job
or business and your
entire family may
severely suffer,
wouldn't you want to
be sure you knew all
of the letters
(A to Z)
very well?**



You may not only want to know how to identify each letter, but you may want to be sure of the pronunciations as well as the sounds each character made. You would

**want to be sure of
the correct form or
shape of each letter
when writing both
upper and lower
case.**



**You may also find
out the exact order**

**of the letters in
relation to the entire
alphabet.**

**You could pursue
knowing the history
of each letter's
formation.**

**If you were
determined to know
more, you might be
prepared with a few**

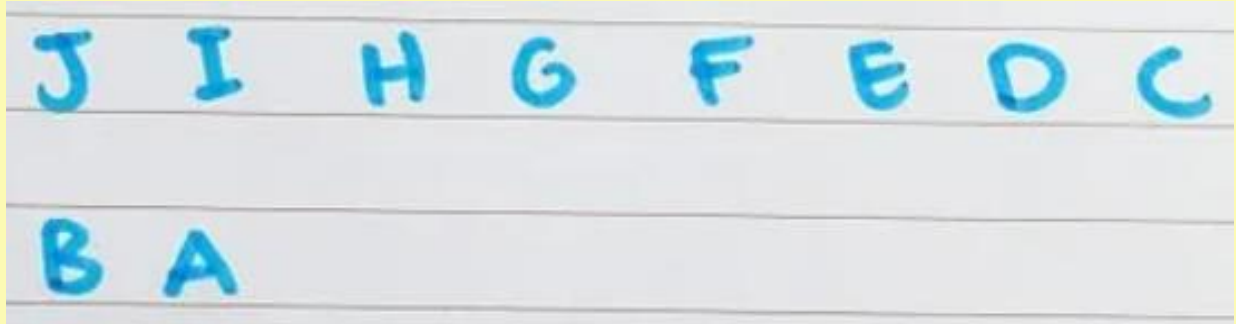
**words that began
with each letter and**



**know how to sing
the alphabet song.**

**You could even learn
to recite the**

**alphabet both
forward and
backward.**



**You may study
to know the
numerical
equivalency of each
letter such
as “B” is
number 2**

A = 1	G = 7	M = 13	S = 19
B = 2	H = 8	N = 14	T = 20
C = 3	I = 9	O = 15	U = 21
D = 4	L = 10	P = 16	V = 22

**(the second letter)
and “J” is number
10, etc.**

**You’d likely want to
know all you could
know if that was
what it took for
protection against**

**unnecessary
hardship, right?**

**That was how
important
understanding the
law was for Esdras.
He explained in
detail how to avoid
major problems and
the king took the
warnings seriously as**

well.

**The king wanted
protection, rather
than God's wrath, on
his kingdom and
personal life.**

**What if we could
have warnings
designed to protect
us from some
dangers?**

**Does Scripture
provide any and are
we skilled in
listening to truth?**

1 Esdras 8:1-21

1 Esdras **8:1**

**And after these things,
when Artexerxes the
king of the Persians
reigned came Esdras
the son of Saraias, the
son of Ezerias, the son**

**of Helchiah, the son of
Salum,**

1 Esdras **8:2**

**The son of Sadduc, the
son of Achitob, the son
of Amarias, the son of
Ezias, the son of
Meremoth, the son of
Zaraias, the son of
Savias, the son of
Boccas, the son of
Abisum, the son of
Phinees, the son of**

**Eleazar, the son of
Aaron the chief priest.**

1 Esdras **8:3**

**This Esdras went up
from Babylon, as a
scribe, being very
ready in the law of
Moses, that was given
by the God of Israel.**

1 Esdras **8:4**

**And the king did him
honour: for he found
grace in his sight in all**

his requests.

1 Esdras **8:5**

**There went up with
him also certain of the
children of Israel, of
the priest of the
Levites, of the holy
singers, porters, and
ministers of the
temple, unto
Jerusalem,**

1 Esdras **8:6**

In the seventh year of

**the reign of
Artaxerxes, in the
fifth month, this was
the king's seventh
year; for they went
from Babylon in the
first day of the first
month, and came to
Jerusalem, according
to the prosperous
journey which the
Lord gave them.**

**For Esdras had very
great skill, so that
he omitted nothing
of the law and
commandments of
the Lord, but taught
all Israel the
ordinances and
judgments.**

8:8
¹ Esdras

**Now the copy of the
commission, which
was written from**

**Artexerxes the king,
and came to Esdras the
priest and reader of
the law of the Lord, is
this that followeth;**

1 Esdras **8:9**

**King Artexerxes unto
Esdras the priest and
reader of the law of the
Lord sendeth greeting:**

1 Esdras **8:10**

**Having determined to
deal graciously, I have**

**given order, that such
of the nation of the
Jews, and of the priests
and Levites being
within our realm, as
are willing and
desirous should go
with thee unto
Jerusalem.**

8:11
¹ Esdras

**As many therefore as
have a mind thereunto,
let them depart with**

**thee, as it hath seemed
good both to me and
my seven friends the
counselors;**

8:12
1 Esdras

**That they may look
unto the affairs of
Judea and Jerusalem,
agreeably to that which
is in the law of the
Lord;**

8:13
1 Esdras

And carry the gifts

**unto the Lord of Israel
to Jerusalem, which I
and my friends have
vowed, and all the gold
and silver that in the
country of Babylon can
be found, to the Lord
in Jerusalem,**

8:14
¹ Esdras

**With that also which is
given of the people for
the temple of the Lord
their God at**

**Jerusalem: and that
silver and gold may be
collected for bullocks,
rams, and lambs, and
things thereunto
appertaining;**

1 Esdras **8:15**

**To the end that they
may offer sacrifices
unto the Lord upon the
altar of the Lord their
God, which is in
Jerusalem.**

1 Esdras **8:16**

**And whatsoever thou
and thy brethren will
do with the silver and
gold, that do,
according to the will of
thy God.**

1 Esdras **8:17**

**And the holy vessels of
the Lord, which are
given thee for the use
of the temple of thy
God, which is in**

**Jerusalem, thou shalt
set before thy God in
Jerusalem.**

1 Esdras **8:18**

**And whatsoever thing
else thou shalt
remember for the use
of the temple of thy
God, thou shalt give it
out of the king's
treasury.**

1 Esdras **8:19**

And I king Artexerxes

**have also commanded
the keepers of the
treasures in Syria and
Phenice, that
whatsoever Esdras the
priest and the reader
of the law of the most
high God shall send
for, they should give it
him with speed,**

8:20
1 Esdras

**To the sum of an
hundred talents of**

**silver, likewise also
of wheat even to an
hundred cors, and an
hundred pieces of
wine, and other things
in abundance.**

8:21
1 Esdras

**Let all things
be performed
after the law of
God diligently**

**unto the most
high God, that
wrath come not
upon the
kingdom of the
king and his
sons.**



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